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June 17, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

WM. TIMOTHY ALLEN, III
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Haynesville Sand, Reservoir E
North Shongaloo - Red Rock Field
Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 340029.0375

Dear Sir:

On behalf of MARATHON OIL COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir E, in the North Shongaloo - Red Rock Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units (to be designated as HA RE SUAA thru HA RE SUDD) for the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir E, in the North Shongaloo - Red Rock Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto.
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within said units, with allocation of production from each unit well to the tracts within the unit therefor to be on the basis of surface acreage.
3. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 104-G-4, effective March 7, 1989, to the units to be created hereby.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Haynesville Sand, Reservoir E, in the North Shongaloo - Red Rock Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 104-G-4, effective March 7, 1989.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, 400 Texas Street, Suite 1400, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Wm. Timothy Allen III (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write Mr. Allen at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

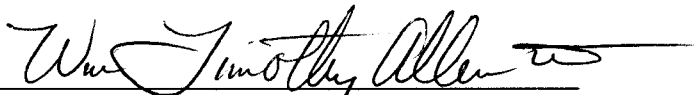
By Pre-Application Notice dated June 3, 2005, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a conference, and accordingly, no conference will be held.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: 

Wm. Timothy Allen III

Attorneys for Marathon Oil Company

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Enclosures

- cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport
District Manager, Office of Conservation
(w/enclosures)
- cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

